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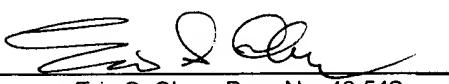
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 136, Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time extending to January 22, 2002, the period for response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" dated October 22, 2001, response to which was originally due December 22, 2001. A check in the amount of \$110.00 and the responsive paper(s) are attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in payment or credit any overpayment in connection with this matter to our Deposit Account No. 16-1805. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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